

APPLICATION NO. 10/023,753
AMENDMENT DATED MAY 27, 2004
REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 29, 2004



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Of:)
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Application Number: 10/023,753) Examiner: Jean C. Witz
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

The following amendments are submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 29, 2004, in the subject application. Applicants herewith petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action. A check in the amount of \$454.00 is enclosed herewith (\$110.00 to cover the fee for a one-month extension of time; and \$344.00 for independent claims in excess of three.) Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted to extend the period for response to and including May 29, 2004. In the event that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office fees required to enter this Response differ from the amount submitted herewith, please charge or credit such difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

Please cancel claims 1, 6, and 11, and amend claims 7-9, 12-13, 16, 17, 25 and 26.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this Reply. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this Reply.

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